

2021 State of the City

A Time Like No Other



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A Moment to Remember Those We Lost from COVID-19



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**Making the
Dream Work
through Teamwork!**

DISTRICT 1



SOFIA RUBALCAVA
Mayor

DISTRICT 2



DOUG HALTER
Councilmember

DISTRICT 3



MIKE JOHNSON
Councilmember

DISTRICT 4



**JEANNETTE
SANCHEZ-PALACIOS**
Councilmember

DISTRICT 5



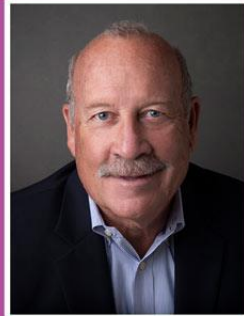
JIM FRIEDMAN
Councilmember

DISTRICT 6

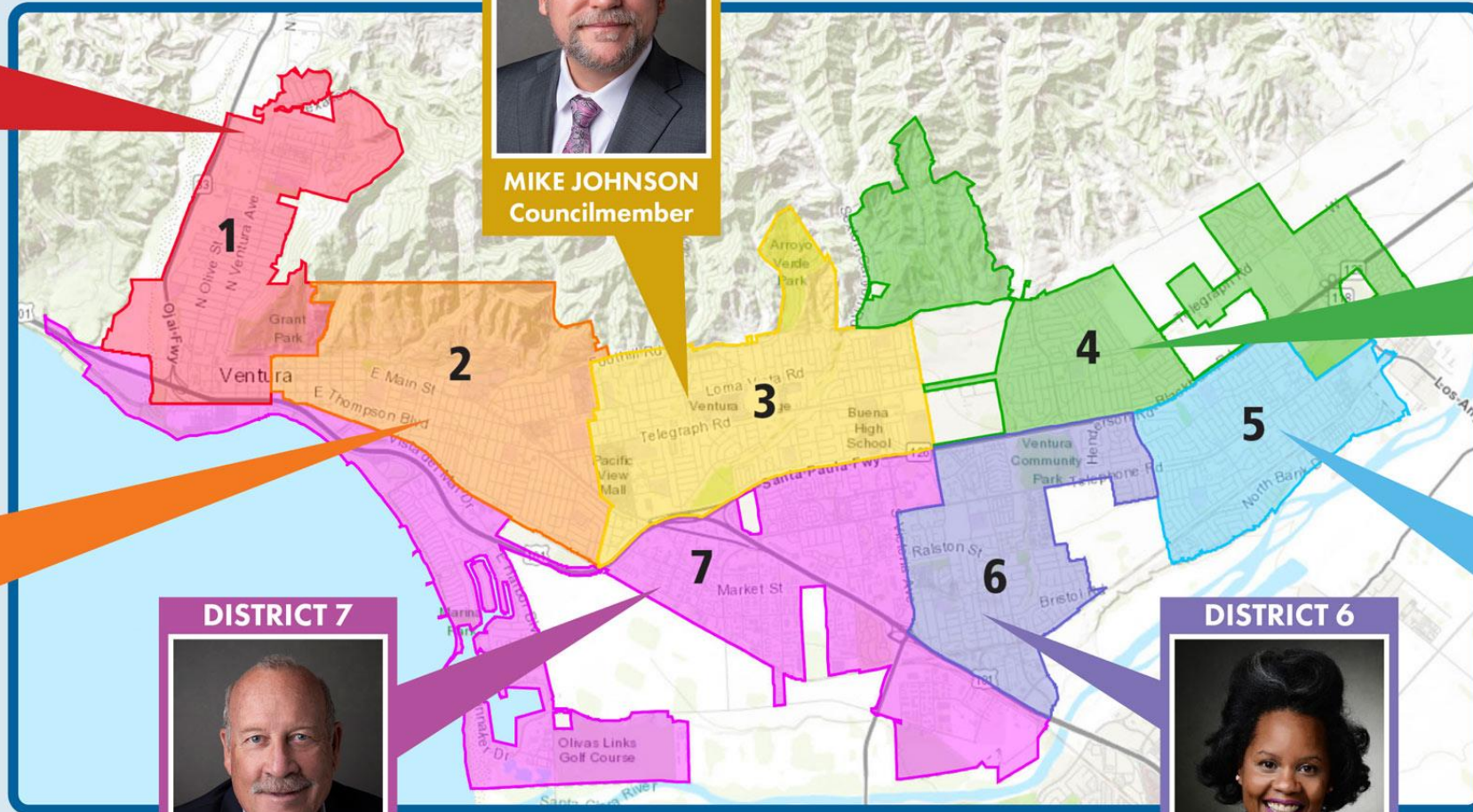


LORRIE BROWN
Councilmember

DISTRICT 7

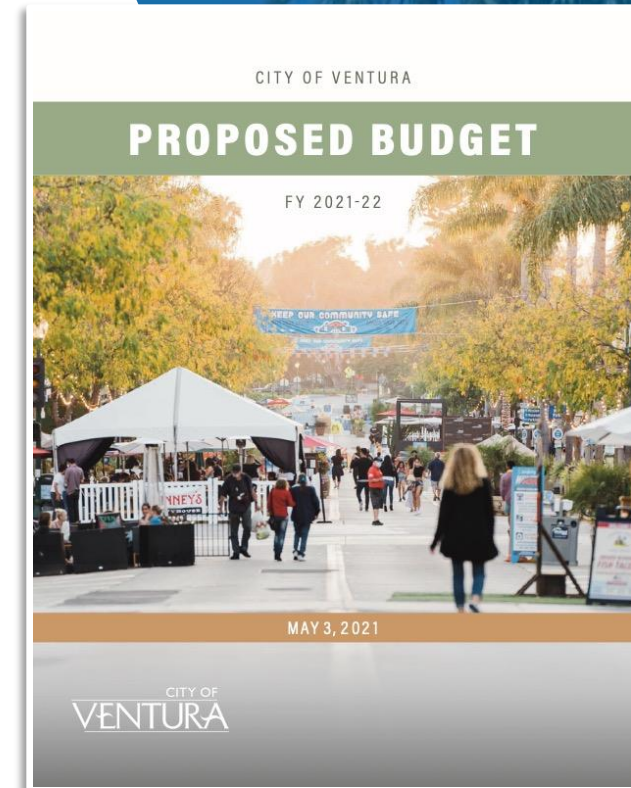


JOE SCHROEDER
Deputy Mayor



CITY COUNCIL

Budget Principles, Goals & Initiatives



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Reopening to the Public

Monday, July 12, 2021

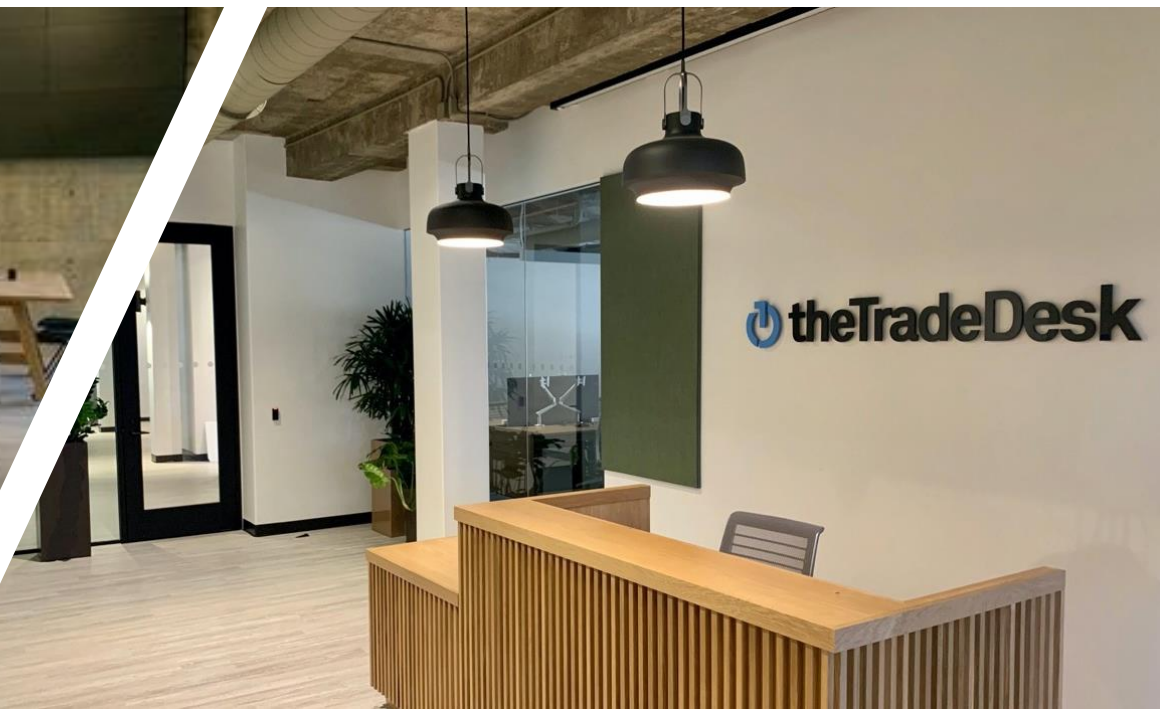
City Hall and other facilities

**In-person/virtual
City Council
meetings resume in July**





BUSINESS INFORMATION UPDATES





Meet the City's Department Directors



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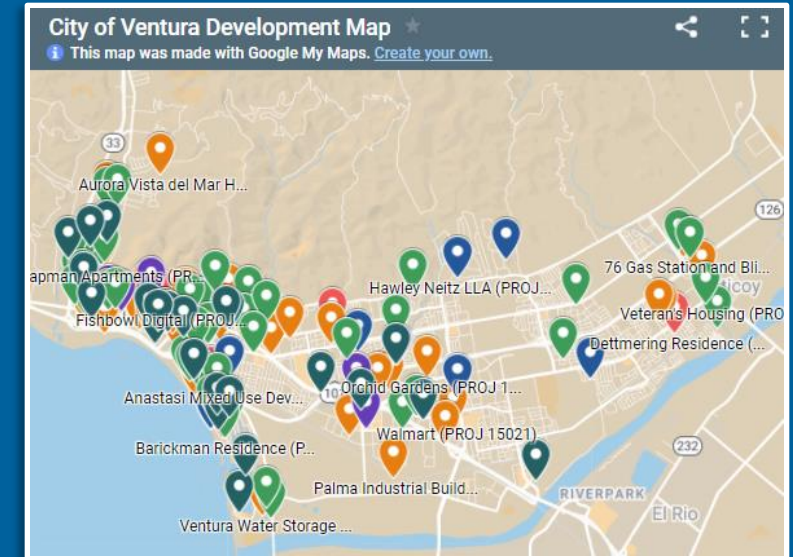
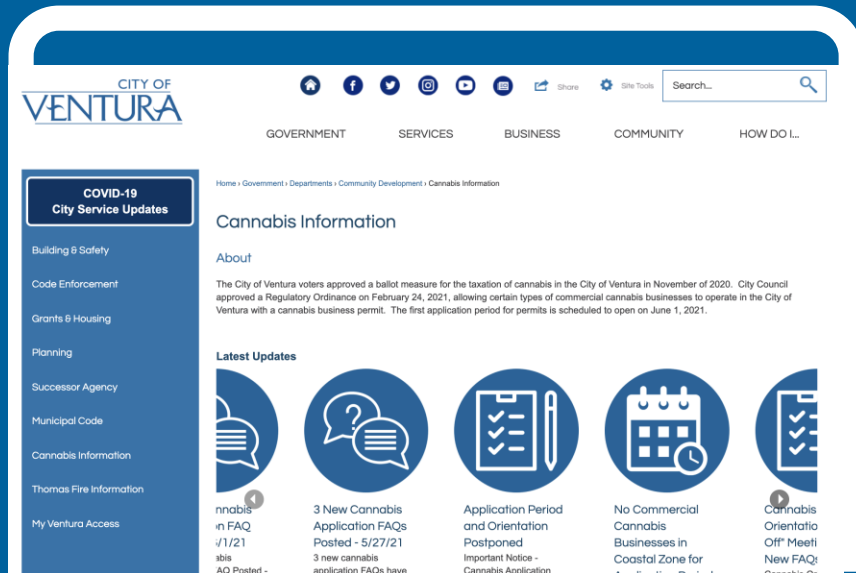
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Community Development



FY 2021-22 Contribution to Council Goals

- Extended streamlined development process
- Cannabis program – new webpage
- General Plan Update





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

VIEW THE INTERACTIVE MAP



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Since March 2020:

- Planning completed over **220** applications
- Permit Services answered over **28,000** calls and issued **3,700** permits
- Building & Safety completed **10,000** inspections
- Code Enforcement inspected **6,000** COVID-19 inspections for COVID-19 + **750** regular cases

www.PlanVentura.com



**Help Build
Ventura's Future!**

General Plan Update

Parks & Recreation



Providing Community Support

- 43,366 meals delivered to seniors' homes
- 34,806 meals distributed to seniors at the Ventura Avenue Adult Center
- 80 families with monthly distributions of food at the Westpark Community Center
- 6,279 meals distributed to youth and families at the Westpark Community Center in the past 6 months



First Inclusive Play Area

Arroyo Verde Park



**ARROYO
VERDE
PARK**

Building
a Play Area
for **ALL!**

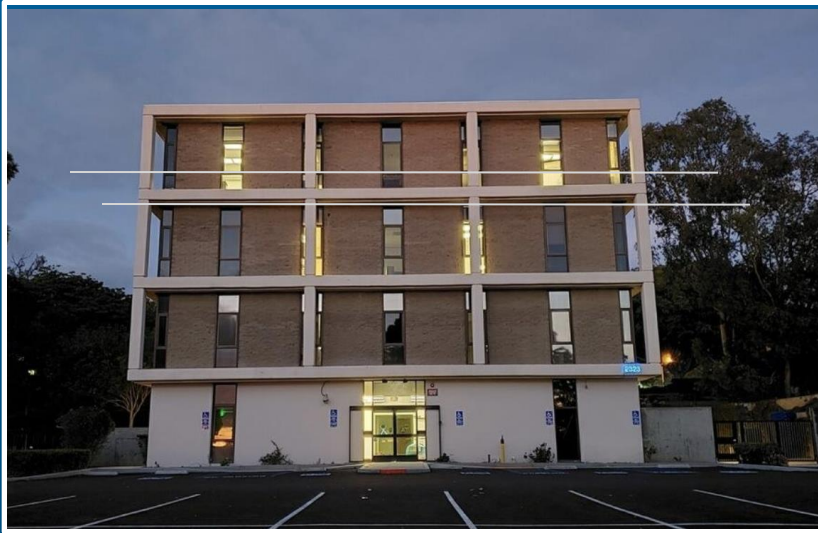


Coming Fall 2021



- Responded to over 1,800 calls for downed trees
- Trimmed over 7,000 trees
- Planted over 250 trees
- Removed hundreds of thousands of pounds of trash from our parks
- Placed thousands of signs throughout our parks and open spaces
- Provided hundreds of hours of customer service to residents and visitors related to COVID questions





The ARCH Homeless Shelter:

- 111 individuals sheltered
- 23 moved into temporary and transitional housing
- 17 moved into permanent housing



Outreach:

- 870 contacts
- 52 sheltered/housed



Public Works





**21 miles paved +
bike paths**



**634 ft water
pipes replaced**



**1,980 potholes
filled**



**73 tons HHW
diverted**



**40,000 sq ft
sidewalk replaced**



**740 ft storm
drains installed**



**2,000 graffiti
sites removed**

EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE (EPS) BAN

Commonly known as “Styrofoam”

Effective July 1, 2021



SAFE SIDEWALKS PROGRAM



Police Department



Ventura Police Department

Each year, staff handles:

- 95,000 calls for service
- 10,000 criminal investigations
- 6,500 arrests
- 1,900 traffic collision investigations

2020-2023 Strategic Plan Highlights:

- Explorer Program
- Police Chief's Advisory Board
- In-person neighborhood watch meetings
- Enhanced Training and Wellness Programs



All Ventura Police employees are committed to safeguarding the rights of all individuals irrespective of disability, gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, and/or association with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

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**THE VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT
REMAINS STEADFAST IN ITS
COMMITMENT TO CONDEMN**

ACTS OF HATE, DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT,
VIOLENCE, RACISM, AND XENOPHOBIA.

**YOUR VENTURA COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT
LEADERS STAND TOGETHER AGAINST HATE IN
OUR COMMUNITIES**



Fire Department

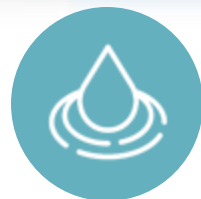
- Provided and staffed COVID-19 labs, support, and testing
- Responded to 16,606 incidents, totaling 20,055 unit responses.
- Promoted an Assistant Fire Chief
- Completed 12,201 inspections and 429 project plan checks.
- Recruited and hired a few lateral firefighter/paramedics.





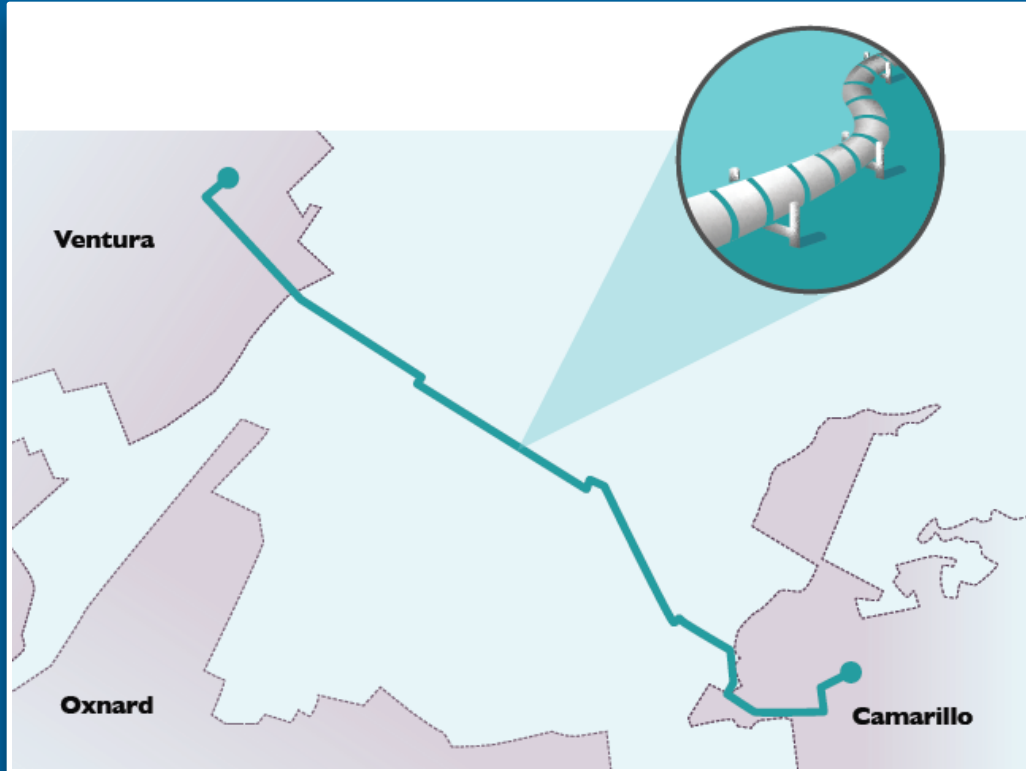


METER UPGRADE PROJECT



Ventura Water is committed to equipping customers to use water efficiently.

State Water Interconnection



- Now in permitting and design
- Regional Agreements in-progress
- Estimated Start of Construction: 2023



SECURE
water supply



MAINTAIN
infrastructure

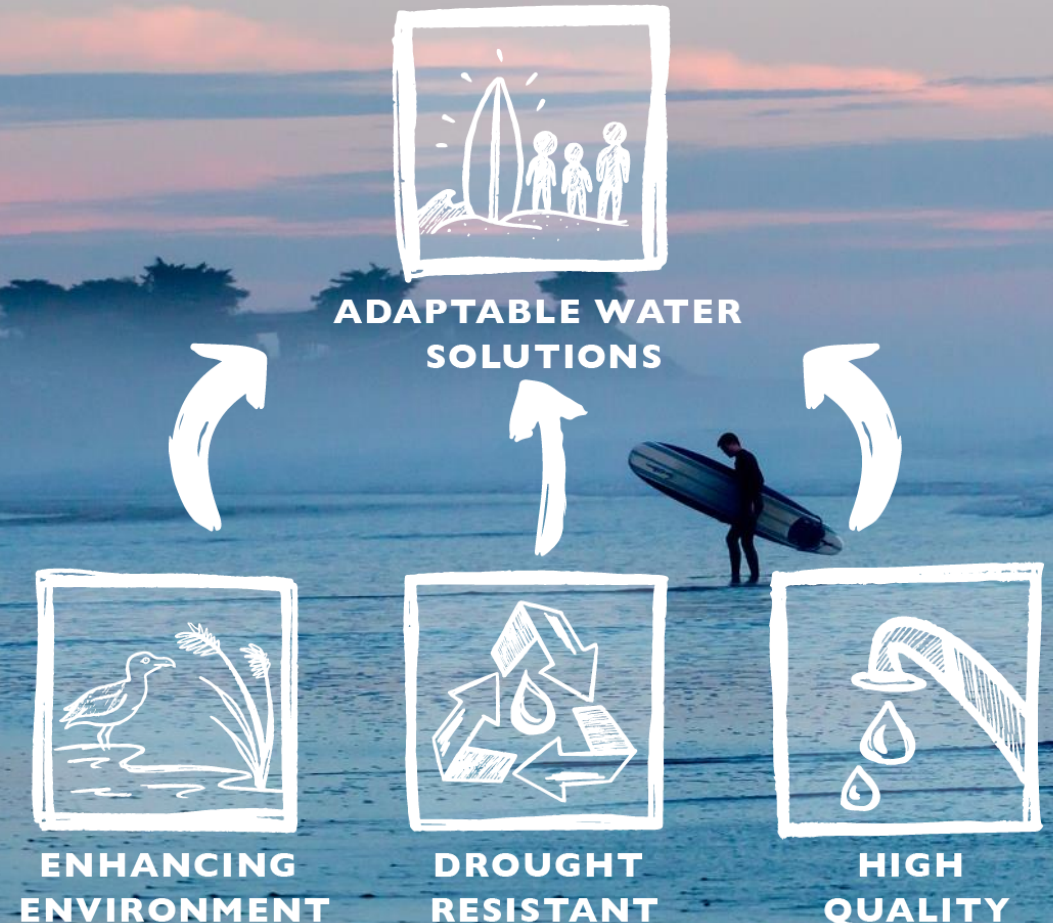


IMPROVE
water quality

VenturaWaterPure Grant Funding

- \$2.4 million grant
- \$125 million low interest federal loan, for the Ventura Water Pure Project
- Applied for another \$2.5 million grant for VWP project
- Ventura Water also saved \$16 million by refinancing bonds

VenturaWaterPure Solution Addresses Needs



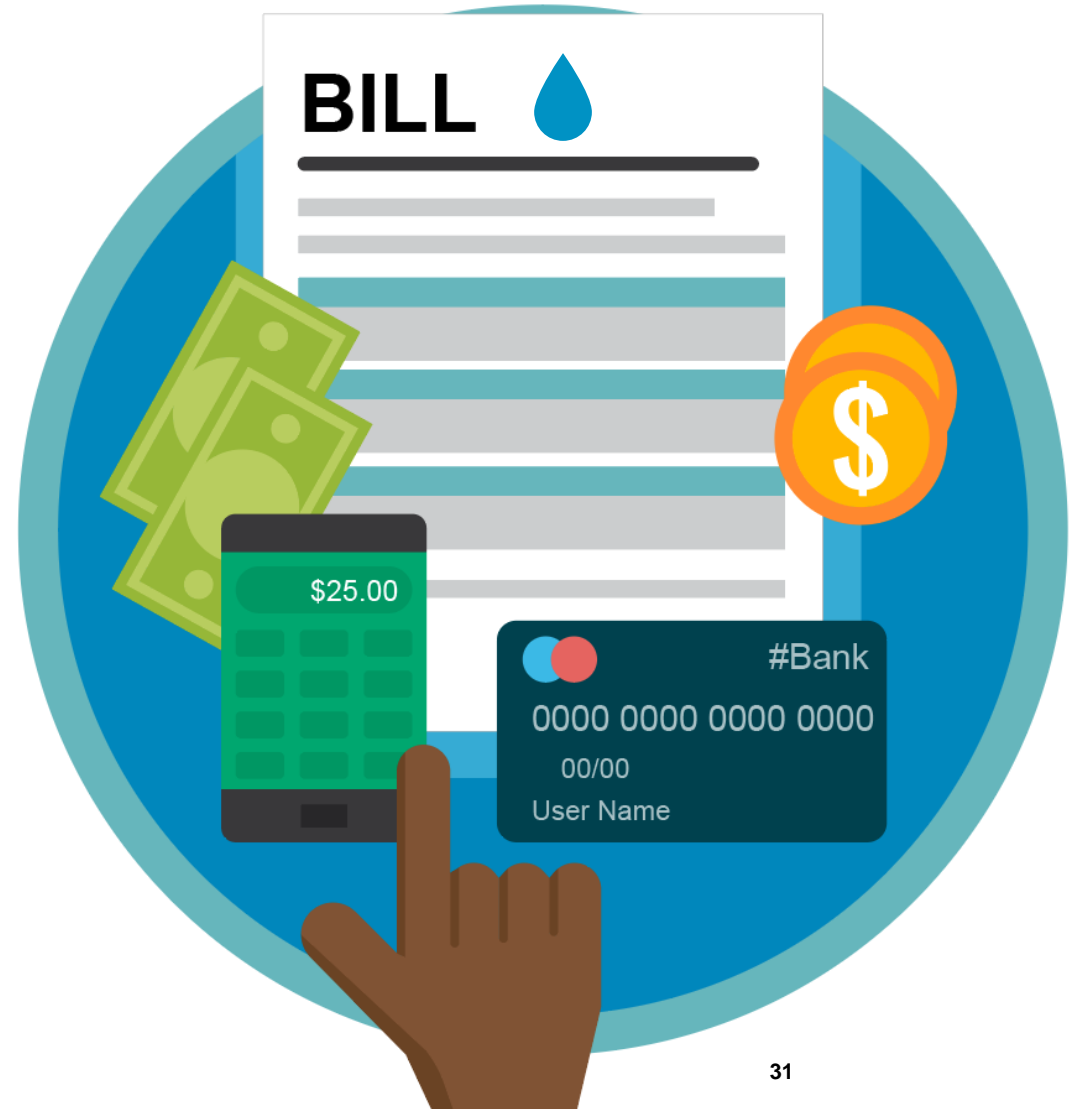
Improving Customer Understanding

Beginning July 1, 2021

Monthly billing
(versus bi-monthly)

Easier-to-read bill

Estuary Protection Charge



FY 2021-22 City's Finances

**Operating & Capital Budget
\$303.3 Million**



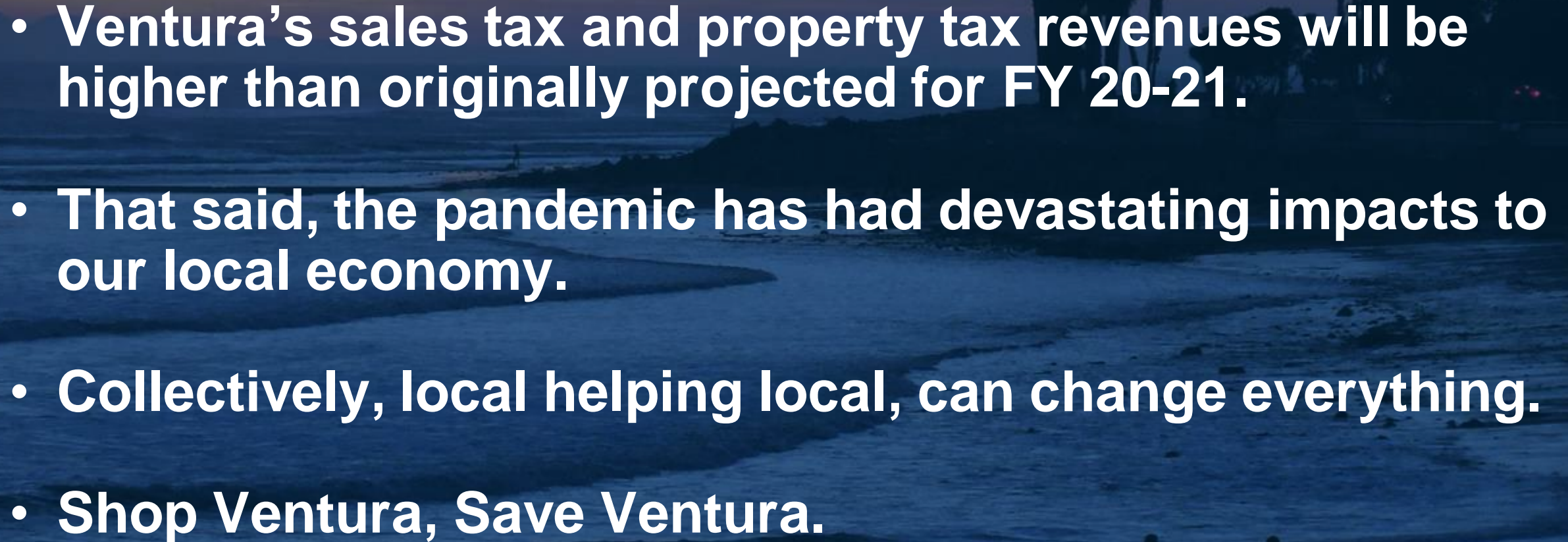


The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021



Funding Update

	Amount
Final Award	\$16.3 million

- **Ventura's sales tax and property tax revenues will be higher than originally projected for FY 20-21.**
 - **That said, the pandemic has had devastating impacts to our local economy.**
 - **Collectively, local helping local, can change everything.**
 - **Shop Ventura, Save Ventura.**
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- A background image showing a beach scene at sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The ocean waves are visible, and in the foreground, the silhouettes of two people are walking along the shoreline. The overall tone is serene and hopeful.

Closing Thoughts....

**We have Reason
to be Optimistic!**



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